

Abingdon Community Council Meeting  
September 26, 2011

There were 5 members (C. David Copenhaver, Earl Gray, Cynthia Hergenbahn, Michael Galumbeck and Valerie Nozea) and 19 guests in attendance including: Lt. Daugherty (Harford County Sheriff's Office), Morita Bruce (Friends of Harford), Denise Lynch (Department of Planning and Zoning), Patty Gonzalez (County Executive's Office), and Marissa Gallo (Aegis reporter).

**The next meeting will be October 24, 2011 at 6:30 at the Abingdon Public Library**

- The meeting was called to order at 6:30 P.M. by Cynthia Hergenbahn, Chairperson.
- Lt. Daugherty spoke concerning Community Policing.

Gave general information on 3 crimes in the area

- Countywide – Carson's Run Sports Field – man charged with kidnapping
- Denise Lynch – Dept. of Planning and Zoning
  - Spoke about concern over small signs posted illegally in medians and along roads
    - ⇒ County is putting together a volunteer program to eliminate these signs
    - ⇒ Program to start October 1; coincides with state program which will impose fines
    - ⇒ Notification about the program to eliminate nescience signs includes: articles in the Aegis, official press release, letters to sign posters, visits to Community Councils
    - ⇒ To volunteer to help remove signs, contact Denise Lynch at 410-638-3104 or E-mail [dllynch@harfordcountymd.gov](mailto:dllynch@harfordcountymd.gov)
- Morita Bruce (guest speaker representing Friends of Harford) "Mysteries of the Master Plan Unveiled" (part 2)
  - Distributed a handout with zoning descriptions
  - Discussed inconsistencies between the Land Use Map and the Zoning Map
  - Discussed the need for larger, more detailed maps
  - Would like housing density language to be more specific
  - Expressed concern that developers not required to furnish areas for schools, fire houses, parks, etc.
  - Concerns about Cedar Day road extension and its impact
  - Wants Master Plan to minimize the impact between properties
  - Master Plan is due out Oct. 10, 2011; people have 10 days to question/comment
  - Meeting will be held on Oct. 20 from 6:30 – 8:30 in the Chesapeake Room of HCC
- Announcements from the Community Council
  - Press release concerning Parks and Recreation Land Preservation Update – plan will be ready for public comment in the winter of 2012, with final revisions submitted to County Council for approval next summer; to participate in on-line survey go to [www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks\\_rec](http://www.harfordcountymd.gov/parks_rec). and click on LPPRP survey icon
  - City of Baltimore Dept. of Public Works – Susquehanna Transmission Main Valves Replacement from Conowingo intake up to Abingdon Tap;  
Advertisement: early 2012  
Construction start: spring/summer 2012  
Construction duration: TBD (Approx. 6 months to 1 year)
    - Baltimore Regional Transportation Board holding meetings to learn about draft plan: Tuesday, Sept. 27, 2011 from 4:30-7:30 at Harford Co. Gov. Administrative Office Bldg. located at 220 S. Main St in Bel Air (2<sup>nd</sup> floor conference room)
    - Redistricting of Council districts go to county website.
    - Coffee News (weekly newsletter) will now list our meeting dates; located in many eateries
    - Many PTA Newsletters will list our meeting dates
    - Kudos to Sheriff's Dept. for the great job done during the Wegmans opening (time paid for by Wegmans)

- **Special Note: The Abingdon Community Council will NOT meet in December 2011**

The meeting was adjourned at 7:34 P.M. by Chairperson Cynthia Hergenbahn.

Minutes submitted by Donna Copenhaver